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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

January 2015

Now may the God of peace...equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.



As 2014 draws to a close and before looking toward a new year, it is important to reflect on the goodness of God in our lives during this past year. In so many ways both big and small, most often in good times but also in some heartache and difficulty, God has blessed us, sustained us, showered us with grace upon grace, filled us with His joy, strengthened us and sometimes simply carried us. It is difficult to put into words the incredible love of our heavenly Father who would care so deeply for us that He has orchestrated and worked through each and every day of our lives this past year to grow our faith and change us into the likeness of Jesus. He does this for His glory and for our joy and fulfillment. Yes, even in the difficulties and trials we have faced, God has worked to bring about the transformation of our character and fulfillment of His perfect plan.

FROM



OUR PASTOR

I want to thank you all for being an instrument of God's blessing and growth in my life and in the life of our church family in 2014. I am so grateful to you for the innumerable acts of service, many hours of ministry, and gracious words of encouragement that have brought glory to God, served our church family and have been sources of personal encouragement and help to Jayne and me. We love you and pray for you, your family and the ministries which God has called you to.

May God abundantly bless you and bring favor and overflowing joy to you in 2015 and may you increasingly know the depth of the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Love,
Pastor Brad

JUST FOR YOUTH

As followers of Christ, we exist to know Him and to make Him known.

• • • • Memorize This!

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

YOUTH CONNECTION

Join us Wednesdays at 5:30 PM for a great supper and then come on up to the sanctuary at 6 PM for Youth Connection.

Invite your friends!

JANUARY

7 Wild Card Night

14 Bible Study

21 Movie Night

28 Area Youth Rally @ Grantsburg HS

starting Moral Boundaries

be a part of the

THE GOSPEL PROJECT

in SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings at 11

Sr. High with PG in the conference room

Jr. High with Kelley in the youth room

Looking Ahead...

Mark your calendars for:
Acquire the Fire
ATF March 13-14

30 Hour Famine
April 24-25

"In HIS Service" Opportunities

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. Proverbs 11:25

FEED MY SHEEP
JANUARY 3, 7:30 AM

BACKPACK SERVICE PROJECT
WEDNESDAYS AFTER YOUTH GROUP
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Like us on



December Fun at All Stars!



We had a lot of fun at All Stars in December! We learned that Jesus is Immanuel - God with us - and the Light of the World who came to save us from our sins. We had a wonderful time packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse that brings shoeboxes full of gifts (and the Good News of Jesus!) to children in need around the world. We had a special Christmas night on December 17th - look for pictures from that in next month's newsletter!



December's Bible verse was John 8:2 - *"Again, Jesus spoke to them saying, 'I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'"*



In January, we will learn that Jesus is the Healer and the Good Shepherd. January's Bible verse is *John 10:27-28 - "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."*



There will be no All Stars on December 31st. Have a blessed Christmas vacation, and we will see you back at All Stars on January 7th!



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

from
Grace Nursery School

Scenes from the GNS Christmas Play

An Angel Visits Mary



Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem, but there is no room for them at the inn.



They find shelter in a stable.



Baby Jesus is born!



Angels tell the shepherds the Good News about baby Jesus.



Wise men come from far away to give presents to Baby Jesus.



Thank you God, for Baby Jesus!



MEN OF GRACE



The Men's Ministry is sponsoring a

winter RETREAT

for Men and Sr. High Young Men of Grace

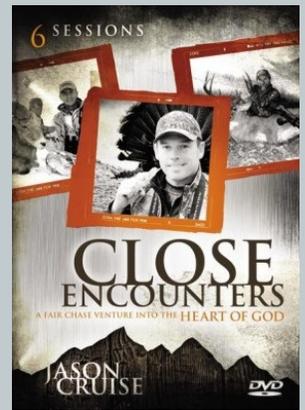
JANUARY 30-31

Friday evening at 6 PM - Saturday at Noon

@ OAK FOREST RETREAT CENTER

COST: \$50 EACH ~ INCLUDES LODGING AND ALL FOOD.
SOME SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.
(DON'T LET COST KEEP YOU FROM COMING!)

More and more, the outdoorsman is feeling like the odd man out in church ministry. Author, producer, and Christ-follower Jason Cruise equates the modern-day outdoorsman with Peter the fisherman in the Bible. Peter would not be a likely candidate to sit on a committee or work in kids' ministry. So where does a modern-day Peter fit in? Close Encounters was designed to reach men's groups who want to delve deeply into Scripture, using hunting and fishing as the staging ground. This video-based study features real-life wild game hunts and fly fishing ventures with nationally known outdoorsmen who connect divine spiritual truths with the unique earthly experiences found only in the world of hunting and fishing. Cruise takes you on a trek into creation that will show you how to live out your passion for the outdoors in ways that bring honor to the God who created the dirt under your boots.



ladies circle

Thursday,
January 8th
at 1:30 PM at
Betsy Miller's
home

*All Women
are Invited!*

Hmmm... If only

Wood Lake Bible Camp

had a penny for every time
I searched the Internet...

\$ Now it can! **\$**

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to WLBC!

MEN: Come on out to the

MEN'S RETREAT

@ Wood Lake Bible Camp

2015 Theme:

January 23-24

**LET'S JUST BE THE MEN
WE WERE CREATED TO BE!**

Register online at

www.woodlakebiblecamp.org

or call 715-689-2411.

Thank You!

Thank you all so very much
for the gifts, cards and
encouragements you graciously
blessed us with. We praise God
for the privilege of ministering
with you. You are a blessing and
grace in our lives and families.

With much love,
Pastor Brad and
Pastor George

January is our month
to staff the Grantsburg

Food Shelf

Volunteers are needed for a Tuesday or
Thursday morning from 9:15 - 11:30 AM.
If you can help, please sign up on the
bulletin board in the foyer or call the
church office at 715-463-5699.

Thank you!

